

KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 19 May 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J Barclay, A Holden (Chairman), D Inman, R Harrison, T Kingston, L Walker and E Morton.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, Councillor A Holden, invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman.

RESOLVED: "That Councillor A Holden be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year."

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: "That Councillor D Inman be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year."

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Kendall.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8 APRIL 2016

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 April 2016, copies of which had previously been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Commemorative Medals – Councillor Barclay would liaise with the local school to see whether it was their intention to purchase Queens 90th Birthday Commemorative Medals, following which the Parish Council would decide whether it wished to purchase any for local distribution.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7 ISSUES/QUESTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

A local resident was in attendance to discuss work he wished to undertake as a new tenant at Woodland Terrace Allotments.

Members agreed in principle to the required works however required more detailed plans to be submitted in writing before making a final decision.

In discussing arrangements at the allotments, Members were aware that one of the tenants had taken over some responsibility for letting out vacant plots. Members wanted to ensure that the tenant followed clear guidelines and did not take any decisions without running them past the Council by way of a report as and when required.

8 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

9 PLANTERS

Councillor Inman advised that in accordance with the decision made at the previous meeting, he had purchased plants for the planters at a cost of £38.01 and, along with Councillor Kingston, had done all necessary planting work. Approval was granted for a further £50.00 to be used by Councillor Inman for more plants and Members were advised that the next batch would be dropped off at the local school as the schoolchildren would kindly do the next round of planting.

10 ADOPTION OF MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Consideration was given to the current Model Financial Regulations which had been adopted by the Council in May 2014, copies of which had previously been circulated.

Resolved: "That the current Financial Regulations for the Parish Council be approved as fit for purpose, to be reviewed at the 2017/18 Annual Meeting".

11 APPROVAL OF CURRENT STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to the current Kimblesworth & Plawsworth Parish Council Standing Orders.

Resolved: "That the current Standing Orders for the Parish Council be approved as fit for purpose, to be reviewed at the 2017/18 Annual Meeting".

12 MEETING VENUE

Following due consideration it was agreed that for now, meetings should continue to be held in the Community Centre.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Centenary Fields – The Clerk reported correspondence from Centenary Fields regarding securing local recreational space in perpetuity as a Centenary Field in honour of the memory of the people who lost their lives in WW1. It was agreed after much discussions that the area of land adjacent to the Community Centre should be categorized as a Centenary Field and so an application would be submitted. As a matter of courtesy, notification of this would be sent to DCC.

14 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk was once again attempting to establish a new Council bank account with Barclays. It was agreed that the signatories on the account should be Councillors Inman, Holden, Wilson, Toms and the Clerk. Appropriate paperwork was given to all those Members.

RESOLVED: “That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:

County Durham School Benevolent Fund- £50.00 – Donation
Graphic Print – £16.80 –Leaflet Printing
Councillor D Inman - £38.01 – Planters
Councillor T Kingston - £24.94 – Pest Control
CDALC - £225.66 - Annual Subscription”.

15 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

There was nothing to report.

16 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

18 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Morton provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. It was noted that DCC had started a premises inspection earlier in the year and had since reported that there was some damage to the exterior of the building. As such DCC were to send out a surveyor to assess the extent of the damage.

19 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillor Barclay advised that the next edition would be issued during July and the Council had discussions about items of business which could be included.

20 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to report.

Signed _____
Chairman